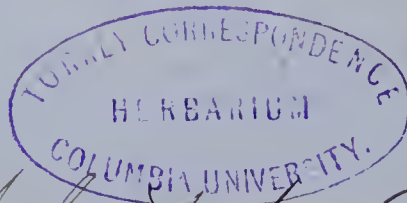


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Mr. Wm. A. D. C.



The subject of my communication will be, perhaps, a sufficient apology for troubling you with it. I have recently met with what appeared to me to be a very unusual variety of the *Verbascum Thapsus* (C. Muller). It is one bearing a white flower. My, comparatively, limited acquaintance with botany induced me to think, when I first discovered it, that it could not be very uncommon, or, at least, that it must have been found & noticed before, altho' it was new to me. Finding, however, no mention of it in any works on the subject within my reach (you two volumes of the Bot. Mag. of N.Y. of the number) & being assured by an eminent Botanist that, so far as he was aware, no such variety had ever been noticed, I have thought it might be of interest to you to be made acquainted with the fact. It will, at least, be gratifying to me to receive a line from you on the subject. I enclose the flower. It has in drying become somewhat discolored, but in its fresh state it is a pure white. Its locality so far as I have yet ascertained is quite limited. and grows intermixed with the common yellow flower variety - in the proportion of perhaps about one fourth of the plants.

If it be deemed sufficient, without write
please address

Rev. Dr. Henry A. Riley.

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P.S.

I have enclosed also a fresh flower. It may
perhaps, present more perfectly than the dry, the
natural appearance. —